places, where men have learned specialised work, it is not a salutary rule at all."

That is in Meenam 1102. Then again in Vrischigam 1102, this question again has been asked, and I have replied most elaborately.

"Every one of the Assistant Surgeons of the mofussil hospitals represented to me that they would consider it a hardship to work in the General Hospital, because the work is heavy there, and the cost of living high. They also find it difficult to supplement their pay by private practice. As a result of all these, they do not agree. Further, they are doing their work well there. And here is a man who is willing to stay."

I do not see any reason to transfer people, which will, in my opinion, affect the efficiency of work. (*Hear, hear.*)

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know how long these Doctors Ittoop and Mathew have been in the General Hospital?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Ittoop for the last nine years and Koshi Mathew for four years, I think. For the information of the House I may say that the Member on the other side has put in 30 years' service in two places, Ernakulam and Trichur, each 15 years. That is just for the information of the House, that is all.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Dr. Coombes was in charge of the General Hospital for more than 20 years.

Duty on motor spirits.

67. Mr. T. K. Nayar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have perused the financial statement of the Government of India presented to the Legislative Assembly on the last day of February 1929;

(2) whether they have noticed the fact that the duty on motor spirit has been increased from 4 as. to 6 as. per gallon and that the increased revenue has been ear-marked to be spent for road development as recommended by the Jayakar Committee;

(3) whether the Government propose to claim a proportionate share of this revenue for the development of roads in the Cochin State seeing that the spirit consumed in this State has correspondingly increased in value on account of the increased duty levied in British India?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) The question of allowing the Indian States a share of the Imperial Customs revenue is engaging the attention of the Government of India. Before that is decided it is unlikely that a special claim for a share of a particular duty will be entertained by that Government. The unfavourable position in

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in which the State is placed has however been taken to the notice of the Government of India.

Report of the Potteries Expert.

68. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table a copy of the report submitted to Government by the Expert who was brought down to examine the Potteries;

(b) to state the amount spent on this account;

(c) whether Mr. Kuehnel has recently sent a petition or request regarding the working of the Potteries; if so, what is the petition?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A copy of the report is placed on the Council Table.

(b) Rs. 1,628—6—0.

(c) No petition or request was received from Mr. Kuehnel. He simply offered his patent for a certain process.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any action taken upon the report of the expert?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The report is only under consideration.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When was it submitted, the date?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—A few weeks ago.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Can you give the exact date?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No. I think it must have been not more than a month.

Complaint against the Village Officers in connection with the Joint Registration of lands.

69. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state if its attention was drawn to the article തൊഴർകൊട്ടത്താഛ in the കിത്തോന newspaper in its issue dated 11th September 1929 and state whether there is any truth in the complaint referred to there against the village officers in the matter of Joint Registration of lands;

(b) has the Diwan Peishkar received any written complaint from a Jenmi of Trippunittura about this matter; if so, what is the complaint and what is the action taken on the same?

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—(a) Yes. Government have perused the article. There is no truth in the complaint.

(b) No. The other parts of the question do not arise.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—May I know whether enquiry was made with regard to the allegations; if so, who conducted the inquiry?

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